

## LOCAL NEWS.

### We Advertisers.

Nearly 15 thousand copies of the *Advertiser* have been circulated among the floating population every day, besides the large number served to regular subscribers. Advertisers will take note accordingly.

### Announcements.

HOLLEY'S MINERALS met with a reception on their first appearance at Ford's Atheneum last night, which was quite flattering to its cordiality, and numerical exhibition of popularity. The performance was on the whole a success, and a letter has been sent from the notorious "Bill Thomas," (W. H.) late clerk in the Post Office of the House of Representatives, under the veritable Mike Gandy, who is in the rebel service.

The letter, addressed to New York, via Memphis, by a man named "Dr. Jackson," (undoubtedly an agent of the rebel government) and from there forwarded, by express, to this city, directed in care of an individual engaged business on C street.

The letter, which has been delivered to the party in person; but, as the Doctor says in a letter accompanying the correspondence, he had no time to come on to Washington, as the European steamer would take the next day to sail, and he had taken passage to England. The letters were safely forwarded to the "confederate post office" in this city.

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Thus, with the greatest facility, information transmitted from Washington to Richmond and we have no doubt that other "post offices" for the reception and distribution of rebel mail are scattered throughout the city. It is to be hoped that the public will be made aware of this, in this city, receiving the earliest intelligence in regard to events transpiring outside of our lines that is received here.

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### Postmaster General Washington.

Board Room—Hotel Post Office, Washington.

Letters have been received in this city from several notorious Washingtonians now in the service of the rebel government.

The "Indy-love" or "Bill" Martin Latrouts has written a long letter from the secret of his adoption, and a letter has also been sent from the notorious "Bill Thomas," (W. H.) late clerk in the Post Office of the House of Representatives, under the veritable Mike Gandy, who is in the rebel service.

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### Pickpocket.

Yesterday morning, a gentleman engaged in fruit business, about to start for Baltimore to buy fruit, was stopped by a man who had him about \$600. At the door of his residence, three fellows, one of whom pressed up against him and took his pocket-book and money from his breast pocket and passed it to one of the by-standers. The gentleman immediately called the police and turned back to the door of his residence, where he found the three men, requesting them to secure him, while he tried to recover the money. Unfortunately, the officers let the prisoner go.

### Death of a Good Officer.

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### Persons.

Col. John R. Kenly, of the First Maryland regiment, is at the National. Andrew Newell Reed, Head of New York, is at the Willard House. Kirkwood, of Iowa, is at the Kirkwood House. Gen. Marcy, chief of Gen. McClellan's staff, has gone North on a brief visit.

Mr. O. A. Bronson, lecturer, and editor of the *Catholic Review*, is in the city.

### Criminal Court.

JULY 12th.—The jury in the case of Gilbert Vandervenken, charged with assault and battery and intent to kill George Hill, were discharged on Sunday. It is understood that they were unable to agree on a verdict, and that the case was referred to the grand jury, to be tried on Monday. The prisoners, on duty there, requested them to secure him, while he tried to recover the money. Unfortunately, the officers let the prisoner go.

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